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## Sikkema Honors South Christian Boys Basketball Team *Class B state champions finish season undefeated*

LANSING – Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, today honored the South Christian Boys Basketball Team, the Michigan High School Athletic Association’s Class B State Champions, through the presentation of a Senate Tribute at the Michigan State Capitol.

“The South Christian Sailors have played with a lot of heart, dedication and enthusiasm to earn the Class B State Championship title,” Sikkema said. “With the leadership and dedication of an outstanding coach, Ken Hiskes, this team’s efforts have placed them in an elite group of only three high schools in the state to win both basketball and football championships in the same year, setting a record that will remain in Michigan’s sports history.”

South Christian defeated Muskegon Heights by a score of 87-64 to win the Class B state title on March 22 at Michigan State University’s Breslin Center.

The Sailors were lead to victory by head coach Ken Hiskes, and assistant coaches Steve Sikma and Jeff Meengs.

The following South Christian Boy Basketball players have earned the distinction of being state champions:

Eric Atsma	Ben Frederick	Derek VanSolkema
Danny Brown	David Kool	Kirk Walters
Marc Damstra	Brandon Mulder	Scott Warsen
Dave DeBoer	Kyle Potgeter	Rob White
Jason Ellens	Joe Skinner	

The South Christian Sailors won 27 consecutive games to capture the state title. This is their first state championship since 1988.

**Note: Audio comments from Senator Sikkema on South Christian’s Class B State Championship are available on the Michigan Senate Hotline at (517) 373-4000 or online at the Michigan Senate Republican Audiowire located at <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/audiowire/>.**

**Downloadable photographs of Senator Sikkema and the South Christian Basketball Team are available on the Senate Majority Photowire at <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/>.**

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